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1. On the evening of 3 October, about 100 trucks, 21 AT or field guns, 10 BA-64 armored scout cars, 11 x 120 mm mortars and eight armored personnel carriers entered the Artillerie Kaserne in Eberswalde. A military band was playing at the entrance to the barracks. Three JS-2 tanks and four SP guns of the 82nd Guards Heavy Tank and SP Regiment of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division were detrained at the railroad station.¹

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2. The Panzer Kaserne in Bad Freienwalde was occupied to capacity on 4 October. The motor vehicles had been placed on blocks.
3. Troops returned from the training area to the Flak Kaserne in Brandenburg between 29 September and 2 October.²
4. On 2 October, an engineer unit, probably the 19th Guards Engineer Battalion of the 8th Guards Army, returned to Weimar from the Aken area.
5. The return of troops to their installations in Jena was observed on 2 October.³
6. On 4 October, six rocket launchers, 18 field guns, seven trucks mounting 4-barreled AA guns, 15 BA-64 armored scout cars, 12 armored personnel carriers and 53 motorcycles with sidecars entered the Weisse Stadt restricted area in Oranienburg. On the evening of 4 October, the restricted area was occupied by about three to four

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
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thousand troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. About seven T-34/85 tanks, ten BA-64 armored scout cars, ten armored personnel carriers, about 18 x 37 mm AA guns, ten rocket launchers, 50 motorcycles with sidecars and about 300 trucks, including 20 with pontoons, have thus far been observed in the installation.

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1. The elements of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division which returned to Eberswalde had presumably, along with units of the 25th Tank Division, participated in exercises in the area north of Berlin.
2. The returning units, coming from Altengrabow, probably belonged to the 20th AT Artillery Brigade.
3. Probably units of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division returning to their post from Camp Crawlinkel.

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1. At 10 a.m. on 1 October 1953, 12 T-34 tanks and a JS-3 tank left the Oranienburg concentration camp toward Doelin; they returned on 2 October. During the night of 3 October, several columns including armored scout cars, motorcycles, trucks and sedans, passed through Wensickendorf, proceeding toward West. At 7:40 a.m., T-34 tanks Nos. 215 and 217 were seen en route toward Oranienburg. Armored scout car No. 715 was seen at the road crossing in Wansickendorf. A sentry was posted at the road crossing in Schmachtenhagen, and a jeep occupied by guides with white and red signal flags was seen in Oranienburg. At 8 a.m., a shipment of 30 trucks was seen at the railroad station.

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Comment: It is believed that units of the unidentified tank training battalion of the 25th Tank Div stationed in the concentration camp also participated in the known exercises of this division and the 6th Gds Meez Div in the area north of Berlin. The movements observed on and after 3 and 4 October tend to indicate that elements of the Units of the 25th Tank Div which, from the Templin troop training grounds, participated in the exercises, occurred their

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the 16th (?) Gds RL Bn, and the unidentified signal battalion. These units can be confirmed up to 4 October 1953. As the signal battalion is included in this tabulation, there is reason to believe that the division headquarters may also be stationed there. According to the rough strength estimate given in paragraph 3 of the present report, the 111th and the 162d Tank Regt of the division may also be stationed in the Weisse Stadt settlement, although service colors observed fail to give pertinent indication.

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